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### 1. MALAYSIA/JAPAN

ALL PAPERS CONTINUE PG-1 COVERAGE JAPANESE RED ARMY  
ACTIVITIES KL; MANY CARRY AP, UPI PHOTOS OF SCENES IN  
DRAMA.

TERRORISTS RODE FROM EMBASSY TO AIRPORT WITH HOSTAGES,  
HEAVY POLICE ESCORT (AP, BALTO N-A 8/6). FIVE JRA  
GUERRILLAS BOARDED JAL PLANE FOR LIBYA WITH 5 RELEASED  
COMRADES; LET ALL BUT 15 HOSTAGES GO, AGREED REPLACE  
15 WITH GOM, GOJ OFFICIALS FOR FLIGHT (WSJ). LAST-MINUTE  
HITCH DEVELOPED WHEN PILOT SAID WOULD NOT LEAVE  
UNLESS TERRORISTS SURRENDERED WEAPONS. RELEASED  
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HOSTAGES SAY WELL-TREATED (CHITRIB). US CONSUL STEBBINS,  
SWEDISH CHARGE AMONG THOSE HELD ON PLANE. JAPANESE  
AMB SAID COMPROMISE REACHED ON WEAPONS: LIGHT WEAPONS  
ALLOWED ABOARD BUT HEAVY WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES PLACED

IN PLANE BAGGAGE COMPARTMENT. GOM OFFICIALS STATED HAD REJECTED PLAN TO STORM EMBASSY, OVERPOWER GUERRILLAS. JAPANESE AMB SAID PART OF PROBLEM WAS FINDING COUNTRY WILLING ACCEPT TERRORISTS' DEMAND OF COMPLETE FREEDOM, RIGHT TO LEAVE WHENEVER THEY DESIRE (PHINQ).

TERRORISTS, HOSTAGES AWAITED TAKEOFF. GOM OFFICIAL SAID LIBYA AGREED LET PLANE LAND TRIPOLI. GOJ MFA STATED LIBYA RELUCTANT AT FIRST, OTHER COUNTRIES ASKED INCLUDED CUBA, SYRIA, SOUTH YEMEN (AP, NYDN). INCIDENT FIRST TIME GOJ FREED PRISONERS UNDER TERRORIST THREAT (AP WP, SUN). TERRORIST AGREED SUBSTITUTE 2 GOJ, 2 GOM OFFICIALS FOR 15 HOSTAGES FOR FLIGHT TO LIBYA. GUNMEN WANTED ARAB COUNTRY DESTINATION; AT LEAST 10 SOLICITED BUT MOST REFUSED. ISSUE OF LIBYAN ACCEPTANCE CLOUDED FOR WHILE BECAUSE OF TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH MOSLEM MALAYSIA. JRA MEMBERS AGREED REMOVE BULLETS FROM GUNS AS CONDITION OF RELEASE (ANDELMAN, NYT). IN WASHINGTON, PM MIKI SAID MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS PREVENTING THIS KIND LAWLESS ACT IS FOR ALL COUNTRIES REFUSE GIVE SANCTUARY TO TERRORISTS. ACKNOWLEDGES TO PRESS THAT GOJ CRITICIZED FOR GIVING IN TOO EASILY, EXPRESSED REGRET ABOUT KL INCIDENT TO PRES. EA'S HABIB SAID US UNDERSTANDS GOJ EFFORTS TO SECURE RELEASE HOSTAGES (CARTER, NYDN).

## 2. JAPAN

PRES ASSURES MIKI US WILL STAND BY ALLIES IN ASIA DESPITE INDOCHINA SETBACKS, SEES CONTINUING MAJOR ROLE FOR US IN MAINTAINING PEACE, STABILITY IN REGION (AP, BALTO N-A 8/6). PM, FORD AGREE ASIAN PEACE DEPENDS UPON SECURE SK, US-JAPAN SECURITY ALLIANCE INDISPENSABLE ELEMENT. PRES PLEDGED RETAIN NUKE UMBRELLA OVER JAPAN, ASSIST IN ANY ARMED ATTACK. STATEMENT IMPLIES NEITHER WANTS FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN GOJ'S LIMITED MIL STRENGTH.

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EA'S HABIB STATES US-JAPANESE RELS NEVER BETTER (AP, PHINQ). MIKI SAYS REARMED JAPAN WOULD CREATE FEAR, INSTABILITY AMONG ASIAN NEIGHBORS. SOME US OFFICIALS FEAR SUCCESSFUL COMMUNIST ASSAULT ON SK COULD ALTER JAPAN'S THINKING ABOUT REARMAMENT (WSJ). ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY HIROSHIMA HOLOCAUST, MIKI PROMISED JAPAN WILL NEVER ACQUIRE NUKES; WITH FORD, EXPRESSED HOPE FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION NK, SK (CHITRIB).

CSM SAYS FORD-MIKI TALKS REMIND MOSCOW THAT US COUNTER TO USSR INFLUENCE IN ASIA IS CLOSER RELS WITH JAPAN. REMINDER BELIEVED HAVE PEKING'S TACIT APPROVAL. NYDN'S CARTER QUOTES PM THAT JAPAN VIEWS PRESENCE US TROOPS

IN SK AS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION ASIAN STABILITY, AND  
HE HOPES NO SUDDEN CHANGE IN THIS POLICY; END VN WAR  
BROUGHT SENSE OF RELIEF TO ASIA, NOW TIME FOR  
RECONCILIATION. SUN'S PEPPER NOTES UNUSUALLY SPECIFIC

PROMISES TO WORK TOGETHER ON POL, MIL PROBLEMS IN ASIA THAT  
FOLLOWED TALKS. JOINT STATEMENT MENTIONS SK, NUKES,  
JAPANESE DEFENSE. NO MENTION MADE OF JAPAN POSSIBLY  
PLAYING INTERMEDIARY ROLE BETWEEN US, NK (USIA WIRELESS  
FILE).

WP'S MARDER EMPHASIZES US VOW PROTECT JAPAN WITH NUKES.  
SAYS EFFUSIVE STATEMENTS ILLUSTRATE CONVERSION OF  
JAPAN FROM WW II ENEMY TO PRIME PACIFIC ALLY, THOUGH  
DECLARATIONS BROKE NO NEW GROUND. SAYS IN JAPAN PRIME  
INTEREST WAS ON PART OF TALKS INVOLVING POLICY TOWARD  
KOREA. NOTES MIKI INITIATIVE THAT MET US HESITATION  
WAS REFERENCE TO RECONCILIATION FOLLOWING VN WAR. PM  
AT PRESS CLUB TALK ADDED THAT JAPAN WILL ABIDE BY WHALE  
QUOTAS PROPOSED BY INTL WHALING COMMISSION (USIA  
WIRELESS FILE).

NYT'S BINDER BELIEVES NUCLEAR MATTERS VERY MUCH ON PRES',  
PM'S MINDS AS LATTER SAID INTENDED BRING ABOUT GOJ  
RATIFICATION NPT. FORD, MIKI ALSO ANNOUNCED SECSTATE,  
GOJ FONMIN WOULD MEET TWICE YEARLY TO DISCUSS MATTERS  
MUTUAL INTEREST. PEPPER, BINDER, WP'S SHIRLEY MENTION  
MIKI CONFIRMED BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO US OF 3 MILLION DOL  
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STUDIO THEATER IN KENNEDY CENTER, GROVE OF CHERRY  
TREES TO BE PLANTED ON WEST COAST. REUTER TOKYO SAYS  
FORD/MIKI COMMUNIQUE CRITICIZED BY JAPANESE OPPOSITION  
PARTIES FOR LACK UNDERSTANDING POST-INDOCHINA SITUATION.

THOUSANDS OF HIROSHIMA RESIDENTS, MANY STILL SCARRED FROM  
ATTACK, GATHERED WEDNESDAY TO OBSERVE IN MOMENT OF  
SILENCE MEMORY OF TENS OF THOUSANDS KILLED IN NUKE  
HOLOCAUST 30 YEARS AGO (UPI NYDN, BALT NA 8/6).  
CHITRIB'S YATES TALKS WITH ONE SURVIVOR PHO BEARS  
AMERICANS NO HATRED, BUT HOPES WEAPON WILL BE BANNED  
FROM WORLD. WP'S SAAR REVIEWS HIROSHIMA MEMORIAL PEACE  
PARK COMMEMORATIVE GATHERING. PHINQ'S ATCHESON CITES  
LETTER SENT PRES BY COMMITTEE OF ATOMIC BOMB SURVIVORS  
IN US ASKING USG PROVIDE MEDICAL EXAMS, TREATMENT FOR  
AMCITS WHO LIVED THROUGH NUKE BOMBINGS OF JAPAN.

JOC'S LAWRENCE REPORTS MIKI SAID WEDNESDAY THAT US,  
"STUDYING" GISCARD D'ESTAING PROPOSAL FOR 5-POWER  
SUMMIT THIS FALL TO RESOLVE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY  
PROBLEMS.

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM AND ITS PUERTO RICAN SUBSIDIARY HAVE AGREED TO SELL MARUBENI CORP 60,000 TONS PARAXYLENE EACH YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS (WSJ).

### 3. CHINA

SEVEN MEMBERS US CODEL, DURING MEETING WITH TENG HSIAO-PING, APPEALED FOR PRC HELP IN PREVENTING NEW KOREAN WAR. SEN STEVENSON SAYS CHINESE DIDN'T ACCEPT PREMISE THEY HAD ANY RESPONSIBILITY IN KOREA; DELEGATION TOLD PRC KEEPS NO FORCES NORTH OF 38TH PARALLEL (REUTER, NYT; WP; PHINQ).

SOVIET PRESS CHARGES PEKING PURSUING "ACTIVE SUBVERSION" POLICY AGAINST INDIA, BURMA, MALAYSIA, THAILAND, INDONESIA, AND EVERY OTHER SEA COUNTRY. "TRUD" CONTENDS PRC INHERITS POLICY FROM MEDIEVAL CHINESE EMPERORS, AND THUS INCLINED TREAT "SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS AS THEIR VASSALS" (WREN, NYT).

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PETER GRIFFITHS (REUTER PEKING CORRESPONDENT) GRANTED INTERVIEW WITH PRC JUDICIAL OFFICIALS IN TIENTSIN; WRITES 2 FEATURES CONCERNING JUDICIAL SYSTEM. LAWYERS EXIST, BUT DO ORDINARY OFFICE, FACTORY WORK UNTIL CALLED TO DEFEND. FOUR COURT LEVELS EXIST, INCLUDING SUPREME PEOPLE'S COURT, FROM WHICH NO APPEAL.

JOHNSON (SUN) ARTICLE ON ANDY WARHOL INCLUDES PHOTO CONTROVERSIAL "MAO" PAINTINGS NOW AT BALTIMORE ART MUSEUM.

### 4. AUSTRALIA

NEWSPAPER OWNER RUPERT MURDOCH TESTIFIES GIVING ALP SECRET PAYMENTS IN 1972 TOTALLING 96,000 DOLS. TESTIMONY GIVEN DURING CORRUPTION, CONSPIRACY TRIAL OF 6 AUSTRALIAN POLITICIANS (SWEENEY, WP).

OFFICIAL STATISTICS SHOW GOA HAD FAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE FOR 1974-75, DESPITE IMPORT UPSURGE DURING 1ST 4 MONTHS '74 (JOC).

MILLAR (CSM) REVIEWS "THE AUSTRALIAN ALTERNATIVE"; NEW BOOK BY LAURA AND ODIE FAULK. AUTHORS TRAVELED MANY MILES IN AUSTRALIA, FOUND ENTIRE COUNTRY NOT QUITE UP TO PAR WITH US. REVIEWER (NATIVE AUSTRALIAN) DISAGREES.

### 5. HONG KONG

HK POLICE SUPERINTENDENT STURGEON JAILED 3 AND A HALF YRS ON BRIBERY CHARGES (WP).

6. PHILIPPINES

US OFFICIALS SAY FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS ON US MILITARY BASES IN PHILS EXPECTED GRANT PHILS CLEAR TITLE TO SUBIC BAY BASE AND CLARK FIELD, GIVE GOP GREATER RIGHTS TO TRY US SERVICEMEN WHILE RESTRICTING US RIGHT TO POLICE AREAS NEAR BASES, COME CLOSER IN ENDING AMERICAN "EXTRA-TERRITORIALITY" WHICH EXEMPTS US SERVICEMEN FROM FULL FORCE PHIL LAW (NELSON, REUTER).  
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GEORGE VERGHESE, CHIEF EDITOR HINDUSTAN TIMES AND GANDHI CRITIC, WINS 1975 RAMON MAGSAYSAY JOURNALISM, LITERATURE, CREATIVE COMMUNICATION ARTS AWARD (AP, WP).

7. THAILAND

DEFMIN SAYS MIL HOLD DAILY STRATEGY MEETINGS SINCE MID-JULY BECAUSE OF INCREASED INTERNAL INSURGENCY, UNCERTAIN RELS WITH LAOS, CAMBODIA. GOV NAKHON PHANOM PROV CONCERNED POSSIBLE PL ATTACK, WORRIES OVER PL DEMAND RTG HALT PATROL ACTIVITIES ON MEKONG; SAYS PL CLAIM MEKONG IS TERRITORIAL RIVER OF LAOS. THAI INSURGENCY BUILDS UP ORGANIZATION, TRIES RECRUIT VILLAGERS. DEFMIN SAYS INSURGENTS RECEIVE ARMS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES (AP, SUN; WP). RTG ORDERS NAVY STOP PATROLLING MEKONG AREA TO AVOID INCIDENTS WITH PL (AP, SUN).

8. BURMA

FEAR OF PRC GROWS AS FIGHTING ON BORDER INCREASES SINCE COMMUNIST VICTORY IN INDOCHINA. GUB FORCES COMBAT PRC-BASED BCP WITH HIGH CASUALTIES. REBELS CROSSED SALWEEN FOR FIRST TIME IN JUNE, WERE DRIVEN BACK IN HEAVY FIGHTING. INFO ON BCP SKETCHY, STRENGTH ESTIMATED AT 10,000, IS BEST ORGANIZED OF 20-ODD ETHNIC, POLITICAL, SMUGGLING, BANDIT FORCES THAT OPPOSE GOVT. OBSERVERS ASSERT BCP BASED, TRAINED, EQUIPPED, SUPPLIED IN PRC. HEIGHTENED WARFARE, PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE DUE INDOCHINA EVENTS PUT STRAIN ON GUB'S NEUTRALITY. MIL COMMANDERS CONCERNED OVER WEAPONS PROCUREMENT. RECENT COOPERATION WITH US ON NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION SEEN IN WIDER CONTEXT; 18 US COPTERS GIVEN TO FIGHT SMUGGLERS, AND INSURGENT MOVEMENTS FINANCE OPNS BY OPIUM SMUGGLING. GUB MIL, CIVIL INTELL CHIEFS RECENTLY VISITED US TO DISCUSS NARCOTICS CONTROL, BELIEVED TO HAVE SOUNDED OUT DOD ON WEAPONS PROCUREMENT; SIMILAR SOUNDINGS WITH USSR REPORTEDLY COUNTERED WITH SUGGESTION GUB GRANT NAVAL FACILITIES ON ANDAMAN SEA ISLAND.

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SOURCES SAY PRC WANTS GUB TURN TO US FOR ARMS RATHER THAN USSR (NYT).

9. INDOCHINA

TWO THAI MIL ATTACHES, THAI CIVILIAN ARRESTED IN VIENTIANE, BEING HELD WITHOUT CHARGE (AP, SUN). MFA SOURCE SAYS OFFICERS ACCUSED SPYING, SPREADING HARMFUL FALSE REPORTS. RTG AMB CALLS ARRESTS VIOLATION CONVENTION ON DIP PRIVILEGES, FILES OFFICIAL PROTEST WITH LAOTIAN MFA. ARRESTS FOLLOW SERIES BORDER INCIDENTS, DETERIORATION THAILAND LAOS RELATIONS (WP).

KHIEU SAMPHAN MESSAGE TO PRC DEFMIN SAYS CHINA HAS BEEN PROVIDING CAMBODIA "SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE" SINCE KR TAKEOVER (AFP, PHINQ; WP). PP RADIO SAYS KR FORCES FORTIFY 2 ISLANDS OFF SW COAST NEAR SVN BORDER, DEFEND TERRITORIAL WATERS (AP, SUN; WP).

HANOI BROADCAST SAYS "NATIONAL CAPITALISTS" IN SAIGON PLEDGE USE EXPERIENCE, KNOW-HOW, CAPITAL TO HELP REBUILD SVN (AP, SUN). SAIGON SAYS READY DISCUSS EXPLORATION, EXPLOITATION OFFSHORE OIL WITH ALL FOREIGN GOVTS, COMPANIES (CSM; GLOBE; AFP, WP). UNIFORMED POLICE APPEAR ON SAIGON'S STREETS FOR FIRST TIME SINCE TAKEOVER TO GUARD PUBLIC BLDGS, TRY RESTORE ORDER TO TRAFFIC (AFP, NYT). SVN RADIO SAYS RE-EDUCATION COURSES FOR MIL, CIVILIAN MEMBERS OLD REGIME LASTING LONGER THAN ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED; PERSONS ATTENDING COURSES ALLOWED SEND, RECEIVE LETTERS ONCE MONTHLY (AFP, WP).

PHILA BULLETIN'S GOLDWYN(8/3) REVIEWS MIA SITUATION, NOTES 882 STILL "ALIVE" ON DOD ROLES AND RECEIVE PAY, PROMOTIONS. OFFICIALS SAY NO HARD EVIDENCE ANY ALIVE EXCEPT FOR DESERTER LIVING IN CAMBODIA. QUOTES DOS' SIEVERTS THAT US SOUGHT UN, INTL RED CROSS AID IN GETTING INFO. NOTES BITTERNESS SOME NATL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES MEMBERS.

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10. UNITED NATIONS

WEDNESDAY, UNSC REFUSED CONSIDERATION SK'S MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. VIETNAMS' APPLICATION PUT ON AGENDA BY 140 VOTE WITH US ABSTAINING. DOS SPOKESMAN ANDERSON SAYS US FAVORS "PACKAGE PROPOSAL" BY WHICH NVN, SVN, SK WOULD ALL

AVE MEMBERSHIP APPROVED. ADDED FURTHER THAT IF SK  
NOT APPROVED, US WOULD VETO NVN, SVN APPLICATIONS, STATING

US WOULD NOT ABIDE BY "SELECTIVE UNIVERSALITY"  
(GWERTZMAN, NYT; TREWHITT, SUN; WP;  
WSJ; SORGF, UPI, GLOBE; PHINQ; AP, NYDN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. JAPAN

NYDN NOTES US-JAPANESE "LOVE FEAST" 30 YRS AFTER END  
WWII. CALLS IT IRONIC, BUT FOR BEST, SINCE WEALTHY  
PROGRESSIVE, STRONG JAPAN IS BUFFER AGAINST COMMUNIST  
EXPANSION IN PAC. RECOMMENDS WE MAINTAIN CURRENT  
FRIENDSHIP WITH JAPAN, AND "TOO BAD ABOUT THE IRONY."

WP'S OBERDORFER DOES 4TH IN SERIES ON JAPAN,  
DISCUSSES POLLUTION PROBLEM AS INDUSTRY POISONS  
WATER, AIR OF CROWDED ISLANDS. SAYS FIRST IN GROSS  
NATL POLLUTION. NOTES SOME ASPECTS OF POLLUTION HAVE  
IMPROVED DRAMATICALLY FOLLOWING INCIDENTS OF PUBLIC  
SUFFERING, OUTCRIES, WHILE OTHERS CONTINUE CLIMB.  
POINTS OUT CITIZENS BEGINNING ORGANIZE TO PROTECT  
ENVIRONMENT, BUT SO FAR CAN'T MATCH DRIVE FOR INDUSTRIAL  
GROWTH. CALLS JAPAN TEST-TUBE CASE FOR PRESENT-  
DAY WORLD. OBERDORFER ALSO DOES BACKGROUNDER ON  
CONTROVERSIAL POLLUTION-FIGHTER AND CHEMIST JUN UI OF  
TOKYO U.

12. INDOCHINA

IN REVIEWING FORD'S FIRST YR, NYT'S LEWIS FINDS US  
GENEROUSITY HAS FAILED ON VN, WITH TOO MANY REACTING  
WITH ANTAGONISM TO VN REFUGEES, THOUGH THEIR TRAGEDY  
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OUR RESPONSIBILITY; ALSO MENTIONS IRS' RECENT WITH-  
DRAWAL TAX-FREE STATUS FOR GIFTS TO HANOI'S BACH MAI  
HOSPITAL AS ACT OF PETTY OFFICIAL MEANNESS. BELIEVES  
MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR THROWS MOST DOUBT ON RECOVERY FROM  
"NIXON MENTALITY."

13. INDOCHINA/JAPAN

NYDN'S WIEGHART WONDERS WHETHER US SHOULD HELP VN AS  
IT DID JAPAN, AS SUGGESTED BY MIKI. BELIEVES PM  
WANTS US USE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, AS IT DID FOLLOWING  
WW II. SAYS DIFFICULT DETERMINE HOW MUCH OF US  
DECISION REBUILD JAPAN BASED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS,  
HOW MUCH ON SELF-INTEREST; ASKS WHO CAN ARGUE THAT  
DECISION WAS FAULTY FROM EITHER STANDPOINT.

14. GENERAL

JOC (8/6) BELIEVES GOOD CASE CAN BE MADE THAT CONGRESS  
BE ABLE VETO EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS AS SENATE CAN DO  
FOR TREATIES; BUT FIRST CONGRESS SHOULD DEMONSTRATE  
OWN SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY. MENTIONS IMPORTANT  
EXEC AGREEMENTS WITH LAOS, THAILAND, SK, AMONG OTHERS.

SUN BELIEVES SEPARATION OF POWERS COMPLICATES CONDUCT  
FOREIGN RELS. CALLS WAR POWERS ACT IMPERFECT SINCE  
TRIES ANTICIPATE SITUATIONS THAT CANNOT BE ANTICIPATED  
AND GIVES PRES ADVANCE APPROVAL INTRODUCE TROOPS  
OVERSEAS FOR 60 DAYS. MENTIONS MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR. KISSINGER

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